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GDR-CZECHOSLOVAK COOPERATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF 6,000 TON PRESSES (4 pages
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This document consists of 4 pages of German minutes of a meeting between East German and Czechoslovak representatives, held in Pilsen on 19 March 1952. The purpose of this meeting was to clarify points 3, 4, and 5 of the minutes of a previous meeting held on 26 February 1952

[REDACTED] in the Czechoslovak State Planning Office, regarding GDR-Czechoslovak cooperation in the construction of 6,000 ton hydraulic presses for use in both Germany and Czechoslovakia.

A comparison of the specifications of a German-designed, 1939 model of a hydraulic Duisburg press is made in the first paragraphs, with the 1951-5 Czech-designed counterproposal. The various detailed specifications of overall weights, performances, requirements in pressure and others, are given and evaluated on their merits, from the point of view of adaptability to construction and desired usage. Following Czech reluctance to accept the German design without any modifications, GDR representatives estimated that they would require some 10 - 12 weeks, in order to modify their blueprints. In the event that the Czech-designed presses should be used in Germany, however, other modifications would have to be made which it was felt, would likewise require some 10 - 12 weeks, thus creating the impression that both types of presses were of about the same usefulness.

Since, according to findings of the representatives, both the GDR model as well as the Czechoslovak model of the presses will have to be constructed, in order to meet the varying requirements in the two countries, and since the first deliveries are planned for Czechoslovakia, it was agreed that construction should take place at the Lenin Works in Pilsen, according to Czechoslovak designs. However, since the GDR has only limited facilities for machining large castings and forgings necessary for assembling the presses for use in Germany, Czechoslovakia was requested to deliver some of the larger parts in a semifinished and semi-fitted stage. A table of these castings and forgings, their blueprint numbers and weights, totalling some 831 tons, is given.

Some concern was expressed regarding possibilities of actual deliveries of promised material by the Lenin Works, owing to the current plan of production. The State Planning Office must determine what part of hydraulic equipment production, planned for 1953, is to be extended into 1954, in order to meet the deliveries. Even then, since these large, heavy parts take longer periods to produce, it is feared that earliest deliveries would in any event not be made before the third quarter of 1953.

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